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Direct Testimony of Carl G. Degen

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

My name is Carl G. Degen. I am Senior Vice President of Christensen 1 2 Associates, which is an economic research and consulting firm located in Madison, 3 Wisconsin. My education includes a B.S. in mathematics and economics from the 4 University of Wisconsin-Parkside and an M.S. in economics from the University of 5 Wisconsin-Madison. I earned an M.S. by completing the coursework and qualifying 6 exams for a Ph.D., but did not complete a dissertation. While a graduate student, I 7 worked as a teaching assistant for one year and a research assistant for two years. In 8 1980 I joined Christensen Associates as an Economist, and was promoted to Senior Economist in 1990 and Vice President in 1992. In 1997 I became Senior Vice 9 10 President. 11 During my tenure at Christensen Associates I have worked on research 12 assignments including productivity measurement in transportation industries and the 13 U.S. Postal Service. I have also provided litigation support and expert testimony for a 14 number of clients. In R94-1, I gave testimony before the Postal Rate Commission on 15 the reclassification of second-class in-county tallies for the In-Office Cost System. In 16 MC95-1, I gave direct testimony on letter bundle handling productivities and the 17 makeup of First-Class presort mailings. I also gave rebuttal testimony on savings from 18 automation, the demand for greeting cards, and analysis of qualifiers for the proposed 19 Publications Service subclass. In MC96-2, I gave testimony regarding corrections to

- 1 Periodicals-Classroom unit costs, the associated standard errors, and possible
- 2 changes to the sampling system.

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

My testimony focuses on the In-Office Cost System (IOCS), which is used to estimate costs for time spent by various types of employees performing different functions. The IOCS is also used to distribute some of these costs to class of mail. I will explain the basic design of this statistical system and how the functional separation and cost distribution are obtained. I will also explain changes that have been made to the method of cost distribution for mail processing, cost component 3.1.

II. THE IN-OFFICE COST SYSTEM

The Postal Service accounting systems cannot identify labor costs by subclass of mail because employees are simultaneously processing more than one subclass in most operations. The IOCS is designed to supplement the accounting system data by sampling employees at randomly selected points in time. When an employee is sampled, the activity of the employee at that point in time is recorded. If the employee is handling mail when sampled, the data collector records information regarding the type or types of mail being handled.

The selection of employees to be sampled is based on a stratified sample within Cost Ascertainment Group (CAG)¹ for each of five craft groups, which are sampled independently: (1) clerks, (2) mailhandlers, (3) city carriers, (4) special delivery messengers, and (5) supervisors.

¹ Some CAG A offices are treated as CAG B, and BMCs are a separate group.

1 When an employee's activity is observed, data are entered directly into portable 2 microcomputers under Computerized On-Site Data Entry System (CODES). Users 3 guides, handbooks, other field operating instructions, and information on the CODES 4 software are contained in Library References H-48 and H-49. Details of the IOCS 5 sample design are in Library Reference H-89. 6 The results of the IOCS sampling are costs by function for each craft group. 7 Proportions of tallies are applied to labor costs by CAG from the accounting system to 8 obtain estimates of labor costs by craft and function. Table 1 shows the confidence 9 limits for the estimates for FY 1996 by craft by function. 10 For two of the functions shown in Table 1, the IOCS is also used to distribute 11 those costs to class of mail. The functions using IOCS distribution are: 12 (1) Mail Processing and Window Service labor by Clerks and Mailhandlers in CAG A-J 13 offices, and (2) City Carriers In-Office Direct Labor. The distribution to subclass of mail follows the same method as distribution to function. Proportions of tallies are applied to 14 15 cost totals by CAG and cost estimates are obtained by summing over CAGs. Tables 2 16 and 3 show the confidence limits for the cost distribution to classes of mail and 17 functions. The calculation of the confidence limits shown in Tables 1, 2 and 3 is 18 described in Library Reference H-146.

REVISIONS TO THE MAIL PROCESSING COMPONENT (3.1) 111.

When an IOCS data collector is asked to sample a worker at a specific time, the worker may or may not be handling mail. In some cases, the worker may be observed handling a single piece of mail or a number of pieces which are identical except for the delivery address. The key thing is that a single subclass of mail is observed. This sample outcome is referred to as a direct tally.² Alternately, the worker could be on break, between handlings, or monitoring the operation of equipment. Even when a worker is handling mail, it may be a "container" or "item" with many kinds of mail in it. These sample outcomes are referred to as not-handling-mail and mixed-mail tallies, respectively.

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Previous Methodology

In the mail processing cost distribution process used for previous proceedings, tallies are assigned a dollar value by dividing total clerk and mailhandler compensation⁴ for a CAG by the number of tallies obtained for that CAG. Within each CAG, the tally dollars are grouped into pools of direct tallies, mixed-mail tallies, and not-handling-mail tallies. The direct tally dollars can be partitioned by subclass of mail because each direct tally is associated with a unique subclass.

² Additionally, the "top piece rule" provides a procedure by which a single subclass is associated with the handling of a collection of non-identical mail, creating a direct tally.

In this context, "container" refers to rolling stock such as APCs, OTRs, and hampers. "Items" include sacks of various colors, bundles, trays, and pallets.

Salary and benefits from the Pay Data System.

The mixed-mail tallies are separated into groups based on the subclasses and shapes of mail the data collector observes in the sampled container or item. For example, the most general group is all classes, all shapes. There are also detailed mixed-mail categories for specific shapes and individual classes. When data collectors record a tally, they record the "basic function" being performed based on the mailstream involved. The basic functions are outgoing, incoming, transit, and other. Mixed-mail costs are distributed to subclass in proportion to direct costs within CAG and basic function. Mixed-mail tallies associated with specific classes or shapes are distributed to subclass in proportion to the appropriate subset of direct costs. For instance, a mixed-letters tally is distributed to subclass using only direct tallies handling letters. The mixed-mail distribution process is generally referred to as LIOCATT, for the name of the principal program used to accomplish the algorithm. The sum of direct costs plus distributed mixed-mail cost is the Mail Processing Direct Labor portion of cost component 3.1.

Most not-handling-mail tallies represent activities which are considered overhead to mail processing and are classified as 100% volume variable. These not-handling-mail dollars are distributed to subclass in proportion to the Mail Processing Direct Labor costs. In the Cost Segments and Components Report, these costs are reported as the Mail Processing Overhead portion. Finally, some not-handling-mail activities, in particular certain Platform acceptance activities, are classified as institutional. These costs are reported as the Mail Processing Fixed portion.

Revised Methodology

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3 clerks and mailhandlers in CAG A-J offices has been criticized by intervenors and the

The methodology described above for the estimation of mail processing costs for

4 Postal Rate Commission in past cases. The criticisms generally fall into three areas:

5 1) the increase in not-handling-mail tallies, 2) the methods used to distribute mixed-

6 mail costs, and 3) the assumption that mail processing direct labor and overhead costs

7 are 100 percent volume variable.5

In response to these criticisms, the Postal Service has revised the mail processing (component 3.1) cost methodology in three significant ways. First, the hours data from the Management Operating Data System (MODS)⁶ are used to partition the Pay Data System compensation totals into cost pools based on mail processing activities and machinery types. Second, the mixed-mail cost distributions have been refined by incorporating IOCS data on container contents, and confining mixed-mail distributions to direct tallies associated with the same cost pool.⁷ Third, variability estimates are developed for each of the pools. These revisions squarely address each of the past criticisms listed above. I believe these revisions result in more accurate estimates of attributable cost.

The new methodology for component 3.1 begins with clerk and mailhandler

⁵ Note that certain mail processing costs have been classified as institutional and assigned to the "mail processing fixed" component of cost segment 3.1. See Library Reference H-1.
⁶ See USPS-T-4 for a description of MODS.

⁷ The exception is Platform mixed-mail costs, which are distributed on direct tallies in all allied operations.

1 compensation from the Pay Data System just as the old methodology did. The clerk and mailhandler compensation is divided first into totals for three office groups: offices 2 3 which report to MODS (MODS offices), other CAG A-J offices (non-MODS offices), and 4 BMCs. Costs for the MODS offices are further partitioned by Labor Distribution Code (LDC).8 MODS workhours are then used to partition the LDC totals to MODS operation 5 6 code totals. The cost pools for the MODS office group are defined as collections of 7 related MODS operation codes. The definition of the cost pools began with ranges of 8 operation codes that are consistently defined at the national level.9 The groups of 9 operation codes were further aggregated until they were large enough to have 10 sufficient tallies in each for estimation of a distribution key but preserved a meaningful homogeneity of the operations. 10 The MODS-based partition of Segment 3 costs into 11 12 the mail processing, administrative, and window service components for the MODS 13 office group does not correspond exactly to the partition based on IOCS operation 14 codes¹¹ in the old methodology. That is, all activities of an employee clocked into a 15 mail processing MODS operation are counted as part of that mail processing operation.

⁸ Labor Distribution Codes are used to aggregate hours and compensation into operational/functional groups. LDCs are generally associated with the National Workhour Reporting system. Each MODS operation code is associated with an LDC, but represents a finer level of disaggregation; see Library Reference H-146.

⁹ Within some ranges of operation codes, individual offices have some discretion over operation definitions.

¹⁰ Examples of the cost pools are OCR operations, BCS operations, FSM operations, manual letters, and manual flats. The detailed mapping of MODS operation codes to cost pools is contained in Library Reference H-146.

¹¹ For the clerk and mailhandler crafts, the IOCS operation codes identify certain mail processing, administrative, and window service functions at a relatively high level of aggregation. IOCS operation codes should not be confused with MODS operation codes.

1 even if the data collector observed the employee working somewhere else. From the 2 viewpoint of the old methodology, some activities (as defined by IOCS) would appear to 3 have "migrated" between cost components. In the new methodology, however, the 4 main concern is identifying the activities actually performed by the employees clocked 5 into the operations in a cost pool in order to ensure an accurate distribution of those 6 costs. The compensation totals for the BMC and non-MODS groups are partitioned 7 into the mail processing, administrative, and window service components using IOCS 8 dollar totals for the collections of IOCS operation codes that defined the components in 9 the old methodology. The BMC mail processing component is further subdivided into cost pools for activities and machinery types using the distribution of IOCS dollars for 10 selected activity and machinery types, as identified in IOCS Questions 18 and 19. 12 11 12 The mail processing component for the non-MODS group is partitioned into pools for 13 the four basic functions using IOCS costs. 14 The tallies from IOCS are assigned dollar values based on compensation totals 15 for their respective strata and cost pool. For the non-MODS office group, the cost pool 16 is simply the tally's basic function. The BMC cost pool assignments are identical to 17 those used to partition the mail processing dollars into cost pools. Tallies taken at

MODS offices are assigned to cost pools using the following criteria. If the tally

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¹² Questions 18 & 19 refer to questions in the CODES software for IOCS data collection. These questions ask the data collector to report the nature of the activity being performed by the sampled worker. The BMC variabilities are estimated using data from the Productivity Information Reporting System (PIRS). The IOCS responses used to form the cost pools were designed for consistency with the PIRS operations underlying the variabilities.

1 contains a valid MODS operation code, the cost pool associated with that code is

2 assigned. 13 If the MODS code is invalid or missing, combinations of IOCS question 18

3 and 19 responses which correspond to certain MODS cost pools are used to make an

4 assignment if possible. Finally, if question 18 and 19 responses are not available or

not relevant, the IOCS operation code is used to associate tallies with certain mail

processing pools.14

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For each of the cost pools, a variability percentage has been estimated by witness Bradley. The testimony of witness Bradley describes the data and estimation procedures used. When a cost pool has a pool-specific workload measure ¹⁵ its variability is estimated using a regression model. MODS operating procedures mandate collection of workload measures for distribution and mail preparation operations. Allied operation variabilities are also computed using a regression procedure, but use only volumes in direct distribution operations as a proxy for allied operation workload. ¹⁶ Similar procedures are employed for the BMC cost pools. For cost pools without available workload measures, the estimate of variability is formed using one or more of the variabilities for related cost pools. The basic function pools for Non-MODS offices are treated as a single cost pool to which the overall variability of

¹³ The exception is the LDC 15 (RBCS) pool. This cost pool uses direct tallies in MODS operations 971-978 (BCS/OSS) to form the distribution factors, since IOCS does not sample activities at Remote Encoding Centers. An LDC 15 distribution methodology based on sampled RBCS images is under development but was not available for inclusion in this filing.

¹⁴ See Library Reference H-146 for the SAS source code which associates the IOCS clerk and mailhandler tallies with the mail processing cost pools.

¹⁵ The workload measures are Total Piece Handlings from MODS.

¹⁶ Workload data for allied operations are being collected but are not available for inclusion in this filing.

MODS office costs is applied. The variability percentages are applied to each cost
 pool to obtain an estimate of variable costs.

The distribution of volume variable costs to subclass is accomplished by developing a distribution factor for each subclass within each cost pool. The distribution key is the percentages of cost by subclass using IOCS direct costs, plus a distribution to subclass of the cost pool's mixed-mail costs. Direct costs include costs for counted mixed-mail items, as well as items and containers which contain identical mail or which are subject to the top piece rule. Counted mixed-mail items, identical mail items, and items subject to the top piece rule are collectively referred to as direct items. Uncounted mixed-mail costs are distributed in proportion to direct-item costs of the same type in the cost pool. If there are no direct items of the same type in the cost pools is employed.

Mixed-mail containers are distributed one of two ways. For a majority of containers, the data collector recorded the percentage of the container's volume (cube) occupied by shapes of loose mail and/or items. These are referred to as identified containers and the recorded percentages are used to partition the tally dollars by loose shape and item type. The partitioned dollars are then distributed to subclass using the corresponding piece- or item-handling distribution, including, in the latter case, distributed mixed-mail items. The identified container distributions are formed within

- 1 cost pools. 17 Costs for containers for which the contents were not identified are
- 2 distributed to subclass in proportion to direct-container costs plus identified container
- 3 costs of the same type.
- The revised approach is a considerable refinement of the existing mixed-mail

 methodology for several reasons. It exploits the association of item types with certain
- 6 shapes and/or subclasses of mail, in effect using item types as mixed-mail categories.
- 7 For containers with more than one shape of mail or item type, it weights the direct
- 8 distributions based on the observed container contents. In contrast, the LIOCATT
- 9 mixed-mail method assumes that containers with mixed shapes of mail contain the
- shapes in the proportions of the appropriate direct tallies outside of containers. Finally,
- 11 it allows for a continuum of mixed-mail categories for identified containers, defined by
- 12 what data collectors observe in the field.

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The cost pools are defined to include volume-variable overhead costs. These costs are distributed to subclass using a distribution of the not-handling-mail costs associated with the cost pools. For most cost pools, the distribution is in proportion to the direct costs plus distributed mixed-mail costs within the cost pool where they are incurred. Special service activity codes are excluded from these distributions. There are a number of exceptions in which not-handling-mail costs are distributed to special services and also direct costs and distributed mixed-mail costs are aggregated over

¹⁷ For the MODS platform pool, container distributions are based on piece and item distributions in all allied labor pools. The container distributions for the BMC platform pool are based on piece and item distributions in all BMC pools.

- 1 groups of cost pools. For example, not-handling-mail costs in the Empty Equipment
- 2 cost pool are distributed in proportion to the direct plus distributed mixed-mail costs in
- 3 all MODS 1 & 2 cost pools, and the distribution includes the special services activity
- 4 codes. See Library Reference H-146 for full details.
- Table 4 shows the cost pools formed from the Pay Data system and the
- 6 estimated variable costs corresponding to each pool. Table 5 shows the distribution of
- 7 variable costs to subclass by cost pool. Table 6 shows the confidence limits by direct
- 8 cost category for the new method. Further details of the revised methodology and the
- 9 calculation of confidence limits are contained in Library Reference H-146.

Table 1: FY 1996 Estimated IOCS Costs and Associated Confidence Limits
By Craft/Function

| Function by Craft | Est. Cost | Est. Coefficient | Lower 95% | Upper 95% |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | L31, 0031 | of Variation | Confidence Limit | Confidence Limit |
| CLERKS & MAILHANDLERS | | | | |
| Mail Processing Direct Labor | | | | |
| Direct Mail | 6,077,919 | 0.39% | 6,031,643 | 6,124,194 |
| Mixed Mail | 2,670,527 | 0.52% | 2,643,372 | |
| Mail Proc. Fixed & Var. Ovhd | 3,306,638 | 0.47% | , , | |
| Window Service | 1,737,838 | 1.03% | 1,702,744 | 1,772,931 |
| Administration | | | | |
| Time and Attendance | 241,447 | 1.91% | 232,431 | 250,463 |
| Other incl. Claims & Inquiries | 1,975,824 | 0.74% | 1,947,323 | 2,004,325 |
| TOTAL | 16,010,192 | | | |
| CITY CARRIERS | | | | |
| In-Office Direct Labor | 3,111,318 | 0.80% | 3,062,484 | 3,160,153 |
| Training, Vehicle Prep. | 245,838 | 3.14% | 230,721 | 260,956 |
| In-Office Support | 575,808 | 1.90% | 554,367 | 597,249 |
| Street | 7,527,754 | 0.34% | 7,477,780 | |
| TOTAL | 11,460,719 | | ., | 1,411,412 |
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| SPECIAL DELIVERY MSGRS. | | | | |
| Street Time | 85,476 | 1.33% | 83,249 | 87,704 |
| Other | 19,306 | 5.89% | 17,079 | 21,534 |
| TOTAL | 104,783 | | | |
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| SUPERVISORS/TECH. ADM. | | | | |
| Mail Processing | 947,358 | 1.00% | 928,720 | 965,995 |
| Central Mail Mark-up | 39,053 | 5.04% | 35,198 | 42,908 |
| Window Service | 118,022 | 3.81% | 109,211 | 126,834 |
| Administrative and Support | 28,951 | 6.95% | | |
| City Delivery Carriers | 417,115 | | 1 | • |
| Special Delivery Messengers | 5,296 | 12.52% | 3,996 | - |
| Rural Delivery Carriers | 10,970 | | 8,205 | 13,735 |
| Vehicle Service | 39,775 | 4.44% | 36,317 | ' |
| Higher Level Supervisors | 183,037 | 2.86% | 172,781 | 193,293 |
| Gen. Supv.: Mail Processing | 975 | 29.13% | 418 | |
| Gen. Supv.: Collection/Delivery | 430 | | 109 | 751 |
| Supervisor Training | 57,329 | | 52,183 | 62,476 |
| Quality Control/Revenue Prot. | 32,875 | | 29,575 | 36,175 |
| Supv. of mixed Clerk/Mh actv. | 98,035 | | 89,908 | 106,161 |
| Supv. of one or more crafts | 458,272 | 1 | | 482,743 |
| Other | 715,060 | | 693,727 | 736,392 |
| TOTAL | 3,152,552 | | | <u> </u> |

Table 2: FY 1996 Clerks and Mailhandlers — Mail Processing Estimated Costs and Associated Confidence Limits By Direct Cost Category (OLD methodology)

| Direct Cost Cotoson | Est. Cost | Est. Coefficient | Lower 95% | Upper 95% |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Direct Cost Category | | of Variation | Confidence Limit | Confidence Limit |
| First Class | | - | " | |
| Letters and Parcels | 2,848,071 | 0.59% | 2,815,317 | 2,880,824 |
| Private Mailing Cards | 90,701 | 2.92% | 85,519 | 95,883 |
| Postal Cards | 1,914 | 20.18% | 1,157 | 2,671 |
| Presort Letters and Parcels | 616,490 | 1.20% | 601,937 | 631,042 |
| Presort Cards | 23,057 | 5.82% | 20,425 | |
| Priority | 264,768 | 1.83% | 255,279 | |
| Express | 62,632 | 3.86% | 57,893 | 67,371 |
| Second Class | | | | |
| Within County | 9,525 | 13.48% | 7,008 | |
| Outside County - Non Profit | 44,430 | 4.38% | 40,615 | • |
| Outside County - Classroom | 2,485 | 32.61% | 896 | · ' |
| Outside County - Regular | 244,398 | 1.83% | 235,630 | 253,165 |
| Third Class | | | | |
| Third Single Piece Rate | 45,958 | 3.99% | 42,367 | |
| Buik - Regular Carrier Route | 144,856 | 2.50% | | 151,951 |
| Bulk - Regular 5-Digit | 878,996 | 0.96% | 862,510 | 895,481 |
| Bulk - Non Profit Carrier Route | 15,565 | 6.90% | 13,460 | 17,670 |
| Bulk - Non Profit 5-Digit | 212,502 | 1.86% | 204,747 | 220,257 |
| Fourth Class | i | | | |
| Parcels - Zone Rate | 81,349 | 2.85% | 76,812 | l |
| Bound Printed Matter | 38,043 | 4.32% | 34,822 | • |
| Special Rate | 40,228 | 3.95% | 37,113 | |
| Library Rate | 8,503 | 9.00% | 7,003 | 1 |
| Mailgrams | 62 | 97.72% | -57 | 182 |
| Free for Blind/Handicapped | 5,305 | 11.18% | 4,142 | |
| International | 123,044 | 3.40% | 114,832 | |
| USPS | 58,692 ⁻ | 3.88% | 54,226 | |
| Registry | 73,946 | 3.55% | 68,802 | · · |
| Certified | 51,439 | 4.48% | 46,918 | 55,961 |
| Insurance | 8,082 | 12.36% | 6,123 | 10,040 |
| COD | 4,859 | 16.40% | 3,297 | 6,421 |
| Special Delivery | 974 | 26.57% | 467 | |
| Other Special Services | 77,047 | 3.32% | 72,039 | |
| Mixed Mail | 2,670,527 | 0.52% | 1 | |
| Other | 3,306,638 | 0.47% | 3,276,286 | 3,336,990 |

Table 3: FY 1996 City Carriers - In-Office
Estimated Costs and Associated Confidence Limits By Direct Cost Category

| Direct Cost Category | Est. Cost | Est. Coefficient | Lower 95% | Upper 95% |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | LSt. COSt | of Variation | Confidence Limit | Confidence Limit |
| First Class | | | | |
| Letters and Parcels | 1,022,368 | 1.72% | 987,824 | 1,056,912 |
| Private Mailing Cards | 42,583 | 5. 45 % | 38,037 | |
| Postal Cards | 987 | 25.02% | 503 | • |
| Presort Letters and Parcels | 502,542 | 1.72% | 485,558 | 519,525 |
| Presort Cards | 16,133 | 7.12% | 13,883 | |
| Priority | 24,871 | 6.97% | 21,474 | 28,267 |
| Express | 2,347 | 18.15% | 1,512 | 3,182 |
| Second Class | | | | |
| Within County | 9,845 | 16.06% | 6,745 | 12,944 |
| Outside County - Non Profit | 24,625 | 5.79% | 21,829 | 27,421 |
| Outside County - Classroom | 847 | 30.49% | 341 | 1,353 |
| Outside County - Regular | 101,485 | 3.12% | 95,275 | 107,696 |
| Third Class | | | | |
| Third Single Piece Rate | 13,312 | 7.74% | 11,292 | 15,332 |
| Bulk - Regular Carrier Route | 265,125 | 2.21% | 253,616 | 276,635 |
| Bulk - Regular 5-Digit | 379,885 | 1.75% | 366,851 | 392,919 |
| Bulk - Non Profit Carrier Route | 18,763 | 6.46% | 16,387 | 21,138 |
| Bulk - Non Profit 5-Digit | 88,729 | 3.13% | 83,278 | 94,180 |
| Fourth Class | | | | |
| Parcels - Zone Rate | 5,231 | 11.90% | 4,011 | 6,451 |
| Bound Printed Matter | 6,391 | 12.55% | 4,819 | 7,962 |
| Special Rate | 4,927 | 24.90% | 2,523 | 7,332 |
| Library Rate | 471 | 39.68% | 105 | 837 |
| Mailgrams | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 |
| Free for Blind/Handicapped | 1,074 | 27.65% | 492 | 1,656 |
| International | 8,145 | 9.11% | 6,691 | 9,600 |
| USPS | 7,157 | 10.81% | | 8,674 |
| Registry | 1,339 | 21.24% | 781 | 1,896 |
| Certified | 23,829 | 5.55% | 21,238 | 26,420 |
| Insurance | 425 | 37.35% | • | 737 |
| COD | 1,053 | 29.40% | 1 | 1,659 |
| Special Delivery | 241 | 41.17% | 47 | 436 |
| Other Special Services | 5,349 | 11.33% | 4,161 | 6,536 |
| Mixed Mail | 91,975 | 7,16% | 79,064 | · · |
| Other | 439,267 | 1.93% | 422,635 | |

Table 4: FY 1996 Mail Processing Cost Pools, Variabilities, and Volume-Variable Costs

| MODS 1 & | | | Cost Pool | | Variable |
|----------|---|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| FUNCTION | | Short Name | Costs | Variability | Costs |
| | Automated Equipment | | | | |
| 1 | BCS, BCS on OCR | bes | 681,360 | 94.5% | 643,885 |
| 2 | locr | ocr | 224,198 | 78.6% | 176,220 |
| - | Mechanized, Letters & Flats | | 224,150 | 10.0% | 170,220 |
| 3 | SPFSM, FSM & FSM/BCR | fsm | 736,969 | 91,8% | 676,538 |
| 4 | LSM,MPLSM & SPLSM W/BCR | lsm | 731,680 | II | • |
| 4 | 1 . | lext); | /31,000 | 90.5% | 662,170 |
| _ | Mechanized, Other | 40-40 | | | |
| 5 | Mechanical Sort - Sack Outside | 1SackS_m | 47,771 | 99.1% | 47,341 |
| 6 | Mechanized Parcels | mecparc | 9,607 | 90.2% | 8,666 |
| 7 | SPBS - Non Priority | SPBS Oth | 174,127 | 46.9% | 81,666 |
| 8 | SPBS - Priority | SPBS Prio | 57,966 | 80.0% | 46,373 |
| | Manual Operations | | j | | |
| 9 | Manual Flats | manf | 514,848 | 86.6% | 445,858 |
| 10 | Manual Letters | manl | 1,342,326 | 79.7% | 1,069,834 |
| 11 | Manual Parcels | manp | 60,049 | 39.5% | 23,719 |
| 12 | Manual Priority | Priority | 222,512 | 44.8% | 99,685 |
| 13 | LDC 15 - RBCS | LD15 | 382,392 | 100.3% | 383,539 |
| •- | Allied Operations | | 372,572 | 101.01.0 | 000,000 |
| 14 | Air Contract DCS and Incoming | 1Scan | 58,033 | 82.9% | 48,109 |
| 15 | Bulk Presort | | 11,667 | | - |
| | | 1 Bulk pr | | 72.6% | 8,470 |
| 16 | Cancellation & Mail Preparation - metered | 1CancMPP | 287,698 | 65.4% | 188,154 |
| 17 | Manual Sort - Sack Outside | 1SackS_h | 169,234 | 52.6% | 89,017 |
| 18 | Opening Unit - Preferred Mail | 1OpPref | 745,408 | 72.0% | 536,694 |
| 19 | Opening Unit - BBM | 1OpBulk | 315,068 | 74.1% | 233,465 |
| 20 | Platform | 1Platform | 891,539 | 72.6% | 647,257 |
| 21 | Pouching Operations | 1Pouching | 437,919 | 82.9% | 363,035 |
| | Other Operations | | | | |
| 22 | Business Reply / Postage Due | BusReply | 31,344 | 79.7% | 24,981 |
| 23 | Damaged Parcel Rewrap | Rewrap | 15,579 | 78.6% | 12,245 |
| 24 | Empty Equipment | 1EEqmt | 49,885 | 78.6% | 39,210 |
| 25 | Express Mail | Express | 79,142 | 44.8% | 35,456 |
| 26 | Mailgram | Mailgram | 368 | 79.7% | 293 |
| 27 | Mail Processing Support | 1Support | 137,232 | 78.6% | 107,864 |
| | | 1Misc | | | |
| 28 | Miscellaneous Activity | | 130,709 | 78.6% | 102,737 |
| 29 | Registry | Registry | 126,948 | 15.3% | 19,423 |
| 30 | International | Inti | 110,273 | 78.6% | 86,675 |
| FUNCTIO | - | 1 | | | |
| 31 | LDC 41 - Unit Distribution - Automated | LD41 | 18,542 | 91.0% | 16,873 |
| 32 | LDC 42 - Unit Distribution - Mechanized | LD42 | 2,139 | 91.0% | 1,946 |
| 33 | LDC 43 - Unit Distribution - Manual | LD43 | 521,570 | 82.0% | 427,687 |
| 34 | LDC 44 - Post-Office Box Distribution | LD44 | 126,758 | 82.0% | 103,942 |
| 35 | LDC 48 - Customer Service / Express | LO48 Exp | 3,203 | 45.0% | 1,441 |
| 36 | LDC 48 - Customer Service / Admin | LD48 Adm | 148,358 | 0.0% | • |
| 37 | LDC 48 - Customer Service / Spec.Servc. | LD48 SpS | 106,486 | 15.3% | 16,292 |
| 37a | LDC 48 - Customer Service / Other . | LD48 Oth | 127,532 | 15.3% | 19,512 |
| | | | | ſ | |
| 38 | LDC 49 - Computerized Forwarding Syst. | LD49 | 252,327 | 91.0% | 229,618 |
| 39 | LDC 79 - Mailing Req & Bus. Mail Entry | LD79 | 134,835 | 73.0% | 98,430 |
| | MODS 1 & 2 Subtotal | | 10,225,601 | 76.5% | 7,824,322 |
| BMCs | i | Į | 1 | | |
| 40 | Platform | Platform | 176,353 | 53.0% | 93,467 |
| 41 | Allied Labor & all other Mail Processing | Allied | 231,996 | 54.0% | 125,278 |
| 42 | Parcel Sorting Machine | PSM | 84,109 | 90.0% | 75,698 |
| 43 | Sack Sorting Machine | SSM | 30,798 | 99.0% | 30,489 |
| 44 | SPBS & Irregular Parcels (IPP & 115) | SPB | 63,812 | 73.0% | 46,583 |
| 45 | Non-Machinable Outside (NMO) | NMO | 29,316 | 67.0% | 19,642 |
| ~ | BMCs Subtotal | | 616,384 | 63.5% | 391,157 |
| OTHER | DIVICS SUBURAL | 1 | 1 010,304 | 00.0 8 | 331,13 |
| OTHER | | N 14000 | 1 222 424 | 70.00 | 4 907 00 |
| 46 | All Other Operations (i.e., non-MODS) | Non-MODS | 2,324,491 | 78.6% | 1,827,050 |
| | | j . |] | 1 | |
| | TOTAL | | 13,166,476 | 76 3% | 10,042,52 |

Table 5: FY 1996 Distributed Volume-Variable Cost by Cost Pool and Subclass (NEW methodology)

| | MODS | MODS | MODS | MODS | MODS | MODS |
|---|---------|---|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| Subclass | bcs | ocr | fsm | lsm | mecparc | SPBS Oth |
| | | | | | | |
| Letters and Parcels | 342,248 | 119,279 | 370,577 | 494,859 | 1,518 | 19,874 |
| Presort Letters and Parcels | 169,043 | 27,333 | 18,321 | 69,830 | 18 | 897 |
| Postal Cards | О | 71 | - | 599 | 0 | _ |
| Private Mailing Cards | 6,532 | 2,792 | 369 | 26,142 | 98 | 69 |
| Presort Cards | 3,295 | 758 | 3 | 3,637 | o | 136 |
| Total First Class | 521,118 | 150,234 | 389,271 | 595,067 | 1,635 | 20,976 |
| , 6,2,, , ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | 32., | 100,000 | , | 333,331 | ,, | |
| Priority | 393 | 29 | 7,983 | 247 | 3,081 | 7,017 |
| Express | 108 | 2 | 164 | 490 | 1 | |
| Mailgrams | | _ | | ,,,, | ò | _ |
| mangramo | | | 1 | | <u> </u> | - |
| Within County | 2 | o | 501 | 99 | 12 | 151 |
| Outside County - Regular | 613 | · 260 | 39,303 | 931 | 513 | 5,229 |
| Outside County - Nori Profit | 387 | 86 | 8,049 | 393 | 171 | 1,229 |
| Outside County - Classroom | 1 | 0 | 831 | 1 | 7 | 139 |
| Total Second Class | 1,002 | 347 | 48,684 | 1,424 | 703 | 6,747 |
| rotal ecosita olass | 1,502 | • | ,0,00, | ., | , 50 | ٠,. ،، |
| Third Single Piece Rate | 2,254 | 358 | 4,171 | 2,402 | 8 | 1,073 |
| Bulk - Regular Carrier Route | 8,819 | 2,409 | 9,226 | 3,195 | 223 | 6,502 |
| Bulk - Regular 5-Digit | 77,889 | 12,642 | 171,609 | 30,010 | 484 | 29,117 |
| Total Third Bulk Regular | 86,708 | 15,051 | 180,835 | 33,205 | 707 | 35,619 |
| Bulk - Non Profit Carrier Route | 2,164 | 798 | 661 | 667 | 84 | 478 |
| Bulk - Non Profit 5-Digit | 25,676 | 5,695 | 27,308 | 13,995 | 369 | 5,877 |
| Total Third Bulk Non Profit | 27,840 | 6,492 | 27,969 | 14,662 | 453 | 6,354 |
| Total Third Bulk North Front | 116,802 | 21,901 | 212,974 | 50,268 | 1,168 | 43,047 |
| Total triild Class | 110,002 | 21,301 | 212,314 | 33,203 | 1,100 | 40,041 |
| Parcels - Zone Rate | 41 | 6 | 1,311 | 93 | 1,221 | 705 |
| Bound Printed Matter | 58 | 2 | 2,023 | 17 | 317 | 1,104 |
| Special Rate | ا م | 76 | 1,161 | 104 | 101 | 384 |
| • | 2 | 0 | 325 | 1: | 197 | 236 |
| Library Rate Total Fourth Class | 105 | .84 | 4,820 | 216 | 1,836 | 2,428 |
| Total Fourth Class | 103 | .04 | 4,020 | 210 | 1,000 | 2,420 |
| USPS | 696 | 448 | 4,296 | 2,138 | 78 | 651 |
| 1 | 030 | 440 | 7,230 | 2,750 | 3 | 511 |
| Free for Blind/Handicapped | 2 057 | 2.466 | 6,507 | 10,650 | 6 | 143 |
| International | 2,857 | 2,466 | 6,507 | 10,650 | | 143 |
| [pi-f-/ | 27 | 148 | 112 | 39 | 3 | 33 |
| Registry | 21 | 140 | 112 | 39 | . 0 | |
| Certified | - | <u>-</u> ; | - | - | ١ | · |
| Insurance | - | _ | -[| _ | - 0 | · |
| COD | - | - | | _ | ۱ " | _ |
| Special Delivery | - } | - | | _ | _ |] _ |
| Special Handling | | | - | - | - | |
| Other Special Services | 774 | 561 | 1,728 | 1,630 | 152 | 111 |
| | 0.000 | 470.000 | 670 500 | 600 470 | 9.666 | 01 666 |
| Total | 643,885 | 176,220 | 676,538 | 662,170 | 8,666 | 81,666 |

Table 5: FY 1996 Distributed Volume-Variable Cost by Cost Pool and Subclass (NEW methodology)

| | MODS | MODS | MODS | MODS | MODS | MODS |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|--------|-------------|
| Subclass | SPBS Prio | 1SackS_m | manf | manl | manp | Priority |
| | | | | | | |
| Letters and Parcels | 9,511 | 8,336 | 175,540 | 632,570 | 4,334 | 7,927 |
| Presort Letters and Parcels | 1,310 | 1,637 | 12,850 | 119,617 | 547 | 1,023 |
| Postal Cards | 0 | 0 | 0 | 551 | 0 | 0 |
| Private Mailing Cards | 19 | 8 | 77 | 33,976 | 2 | 72 |
| Presort Cards | 11 | 1 | 335 | 8,492 | 1 | 0 |
| Total First Class | 10,852 | 9,981 | 188,801 | 795,206 | 4,883 | 9,023 |
| | | | | | } | |
| Priority | 27,718 | 3,488 | 10,048 | 4,215 | 6,663 | 80,642 |
| Express | 32 | 40 | 768 | 1,309 | 421 | 1,173 |
| Mailgrams | 0 | 0 | - | 72 | 아 | - |
| | | | | | | |
| Within County | 2 | 40 | 2,923 | 639 | _0 | 2 |
| Outside County - Regular | 1,161 | 7,718 | 72,576 | 10,756 | 1,024 | 630 |
| Outside County - Non Profit | 135 | 2,766 | 10,795 | 2,123 | 201 | 8 |
| Outside County - Classroom | 0 | 27 | 383 | 1] | 이 | 0 |
| Total Second Class | 1,298 | 10,551 | 86,676 | 13,518 | 1,226 | 639 |
| | | 1 | ļ | | | |
| Third Single Piece Rate | 189 | 130 | 4,208 | 7,679 | 312 | 400 |
| Bulk - Regular Carrier Route | 793 | 2,715 | 6,894 | 9,802 | 564 | 285 |
| Bulk - Regular 5-Digit | 1,697 | 10,172 | 111,471 | 148,974 | 3,167 | 704 |
| Total Third Bulk Regular | 2,490 | 12,887 | 118,365 | 158,776 | 3,731 | 989 |
| Bulk - Non Profit Carrier Route | 12 | 309 | 608 | 1,530 | 1 [| 9 |
| Bulk - Non Profit 5-Digit | 108 | 2,381 | 22,944 | 61,666 | 181 | 169 |
| Total Third Bulk Non Profit | 120 | 2,690 | 23,552 | 63,196 | 182 | 178 |
| Total Third Class | 2,799 | 15,707 | 146,124 | 229,650 | 4,226 | 1,567 |
| | | | | | [| |
| Parcels - Zo⊓e Rate | 1,032 | 2,919 | 711 | 626 | 3,393 | 369 |
| Bound Printed Matter | 180 | 484 | 2,732 | 378 | 555 | 97 |
| Special Rate | 252 | 797 | 802 | 301 | 992 | 171 |
| Library Rate | 2 | 1 | 671 | 84 | 254 | 4 |
| Total Fourth Class | 1,465 | 4,201 | 4,916 | 1,389 | 5,195 | 641 |
| LIGDO | Fac | e | 4 624 | 5 222 | 540 | 2.062 |
| USPS | 536 | 5 | 1,624 | 5,322 | 510 | 3,063 67 |
| Free for Blind/Handicapped | 556 | 2 25 | 553 | 397 | 544 | ٠,١ |
| International | 1,037 | 3,353 | 5,400 | 13,702 | 544 | 2,730 |
| Registry | 78 | 14 | 65 | 544 | 52 | 42 |
| Certified | 0 | _ | - | _ | o | - |
| Insurance | | _ | اً۔ | _ | - | _' |
| COD | 0 | _ | _ | - | 0 | _ |
| Special Delivery | _ | _ | _ | _ | - | _ |
| Special Handling | _ | _ | _ | _ | -} | - |
| Other Special Services | 2 | o | 885 | 4,509 | 1 | 97 |
| | |] | | , | | - , |
| Total | 46,373 | 47,341 | 445,858 | 1,069,834 | 23,719 | 99,685 |

Table 5: FY 1996 Distributed Volume-Variable Cost by Cost Pool and Subclass (NEW methodology)

| | MODS | MODS | MODS | MODS | MODS | MODS |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Subclass | LD15 | 1Bulk pr | 1CancMPP | 10pBulk | 1OpPref | 1Platform |
| | | | | - | , | |
| Letters and Parcels | 276,906 | 2,095 | 157,525 | 51,610 | 240,823 | 234,627 |
| Presort Letters and Parcels | 53,179 | 3,740 | | 10,961 | 66,002 | 54,081 |
| Postal Cards | - | 0 | 64 | · - | 90 | 112 |
| Private Mailing Cards | 8,843 | 58 | 3,368 | 575 | 3,206 | 2,398 |
| Presort Cards | 1,850 | 222 | 193 | 278 | 806 | 1,244 |
| Total First Class | 340,778 | 6,115 | 167,296 | 63,424 | 310,928 | 292,462 |
| | | | | | | |
| Priority | - | 310 | 6,494 | 7,270 | 40,588 | 87,825 |
| Express | - | 7 | 177 | 370 | 1,942 | 9,662 |
| Mailgrams | - | 0 | - | -[| - | - |
| | | | | | | |
| Within County | - | 3 | 12 | 165 | 790 | 926 |
| Outside County - Regular | 1,186 | 309 | 1,391 | 13,107 | 53,233 | 51,210 |
| Outside County - Non Profit | - | 16 | 132 | 1,626 | 8,524 | 7,466 |
| Outside County - Classroom | - | 1 | 4 | 591 | 433 | 459 |
| Total Second Class | 1,186 | 329 | 1,539 | 15,489 | 62,979 | 60,060 |
| | l | | | | | |
| Third Single Piece Rate | 1,938 | 162 | 1,007 | 2,297 | 2,991 | 4,699 |
| Bulk - Regular Carrier Route | 4,506 | 412 | | 17,587 | 14,300 | 22,687 |
| Bulk - Regular 5-Digit | 22,373 | 541 | 2,789 | 96,215 | 64,238 | 88,901 |
| Total Third Bulk Regular | 26,879 | 952 | 3,557 | 113,802 | 78,538 | 111,588 |
| Bulk - Non Profit Carrier Route | - | 12 | 76 | 2,737 | 687 | 1,558 |
| Bulk - Non Profit 5-Digit | 4,547 | 449 | 1,199 | 21,621 | 19,072 | 18,134 |
| Total Third Bulk Non Profit | 4,547 | 460 | 1,275 | 24,358 | 19,759 | 19,692 |
| Total Third Class | 33,365 | 1,575 | 5,839 | 140,457 | 101,288 | 135,979 |
| ľ | - | | | | | |
| Parcels - Zone Rate | - | 16 | 918 | 2,024 | 3,211 | 24,416 |
| Bound Printed Matter | - | 77 | 160 | 1,905 | 2,437 | 6,171 |
| Special Rate | - | 9 | 167 | 1,021 | 1,219 | 5,623 |
| Library Rate | - | 3 | 190 | 136 | 515 | 1,154 |
| Total Fourth Class | - | 104 | 1,435 | 5,085 | 7,382 | 37,364 |
| 1 | | _ | | | | |
| USPS | 1,321 | 4 | 1,490 | 157 | 4,284 | 5,470 |
| Free for Blind/Handicapped | - | 2 | 172 | 2 | 1,246 | |
| International | 5,932 | 20 | 2,009 | 915 | 4,980 | 16,232 |
| | | _ | | | | 440 |
| Registry | + | 4 | 15 | 14 | 517 | 416 |
| Certified | - | 0 | - | - | - | 53 |
| Insurance | - | - - | [- <u>-</u> | - | - | |
| COD | - | 0 | - | - | - | [آمر |
| Special Delivery | - | - | - | - | , , | 44 |
| Special Handling | - | - |] | - | 43 | - |
| Other Special Services | 956 | 0 | 1,689 | 284 | 516 | 411 |
| | | 6 174 | 400 454 | 222 400 | F26 604 | 647,257 |
| Total | 383,539 | 8,470 | 188,154 | 233,465 | 536,694 | 041,231 |

Table 5: FY 1996 Distributed Volume-Variable Cost by Cost Pool and Subclass (NEW methodology)

| Subclass | MODS 1Pouching | MODS | MODS 1SCAN | MODS | MODS | MODS |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Subciass | TPouching | 1SackS_h | - ISCAN | Express | BusReply | Mailgram |
| Letters and Parcels | 181,196 | 20,611 | 17,950 | 2,321 | 7,334 | |
| Presort Letters and Parcels | 42,610 | 6,996 | 5,788 | 476 | 927 | |
| Postal Cards | 372 | · - | 0 | o | 0 | - |
| Private Mailing Cards | 2,725 | 425 | 54 | 78 | 475 | - |
| Presort Cards | 1,615 | -} | ol | o | 129 | - |
| Total First Class | 228,518 | 28,032 | 23,793 | 2,875 | 8,864 | - |
| Priority | 26,827 | 14,744 | 17,194 | 1,924 | 285 | - |
| Express | 2,705 | 1,279 | 3,386 | 26,727 | 114 | _ |
| Mailgrams | - | - | - | - | o | - |
| Within County | 235 | 664 | 3 | 1 | 1 | _ |
| Outside County - Regular | 17,921 | 12,002 | 1,063 | 174 | 18 | - |
| Outside County - Non Profit | 3,700 | 2,395 | 17 | 5 | 2 | - |
| Outside County - Classroom | 349 | 22 | 1 | 0 | oj | - |
| Total Second Class | 22,206 | 15,082 | 1,084 | 180 | 21 | - |
| Third Single Piece Rate | 1,841 | 509 | 141 | 159 | 447 | - |
| Bulk - Regular Carrier Route | 5,024 | 4,691 | 493 | 11 | 11 | - |
| Bulk - Regular 5-Digit | 49,661 | 13,199 | 996 | 275 | 547 | - |
| Total Third Bulk Regular | 54,685 | 17,890 | 1,489 | :286 | 559 | - |
| Bulk - Non Profit Carrier Route | 390 | 568 | 11 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Bulk - Non Profit 5-Digit | 7,390 | 2,791 | 87 | 112 | 99 | - |
| Total Third Bulk Non Profit | 7,780 | 3,359 | 98 | 113 | 100 | - |
| Total Third Class | 64,306 | 21,758 | 1,729 | :557 | 1,105 | - |
| Parcels - Zone Rate | 2,141 | 3,530 | 48 | 14 | 157 | 255 |
| Bound Printed Matter | 928 | 785 | 241 | 6 | 160 | - |
| Special Rate | 1,025 | 620 | 4 | 107 | 0 | - |
| Library Rate | 944 | 258 | 4 | 0 | 1 | - |
| Total Fourth Class | 5,038 | 5,193 | 299 | 127 | 319 | 255 |
| USPS | 2,286 | 740 | 42 | 923 | 278 | - |
| Free for Blind/Handicapped | 794 | 267 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - |
| International | 9,890 | 1,815 | 339 | 2,055 | 294 | - |
| Registry | 229 | - | 183 | 57 | 89 | 39 |
| Certified | - | - | - | 0 | 756 | |
| Insurance | - | - | - | - | -1 | - |
| COD | - | - | - | | - | • |
| Special Delivery | - | - | - | 28 | - | • |
| Special Handling | - | 31 | - | - | - | |
| Other Special Services | 235 | 76 | 59 | 2 | 12,857 | • |
| Total | 363,035 | 89,017 | 48,109 | 35,456 | 24,981 | 293 |

Table 5: FY 1996 Distributed Volume-Variable Cost by Cost Pool and Subclass (NEW methodology)

| | MODS | MODS | MODS | MODS | MODS | MODS |
|--|-------------|----------|--------|---------|-----------|--------|
| Subclass | Registry | Rewrap | 1EEqmt | 1Misc | 1Support | Inti |
| | | | | | | |
| Letters and Parcels | 1,806 | 6,463 | 15,111 | 52,085 | 54,221 | 8,184 |
| Presort Letters and Parcels | 8 | 183 | 3,386 | 8,971 | 10,440 | 1,159 |
| Postal Cards | -[| 169 | 10 | 26 | 32 | , . |
| Private Mailing Cards | 44 | 647 | 430 | 1,676 | 1,529 | 257 |
| Presort Cards | - | - | 109 | 638 | 395 | lo |
| Total First Class | 1,859 | 7,462 | 19,045 | 63,396 | 66,616 | 9,601 |
| | | | | · | , | • |
| Priority | 310 | 1,638 | 1,986 | 5,763 | 5,886 | 2,006 |
| Express | 416 | - | 563 | 1,138 | 1,117 | 1,990 |
| Mailgrams | - | - | 0 | 1 | 1, | _ |
| | } | | | | | |
| Within County | 0 | 1 | 319 | 105 | 163 | 24 |
| Outside County - Regular | 52 | 245 | 2,598 | 3,948 | 4,734 | 1,106 |
| Outside County - Non Profit | 1 | 8 | 404 | 800 | 765 | 81 |
| Outside County - Classroom | 0 | 1 | 27 | 40 | 48 | 3 |
| Total Second Class | 54 | 254 | 3,349 | 4,893 | 5,711 | 1,213 |
| | , | | | | | |
| Third Single Piece Rate | 1 | 201 | 271 | 700 | 660 | 119 |
| Bulk - Regular Carrier Route | 3 | 13 | 1,294 | 1,738 | 1,933 | 121 |
| Bulk - Regular 5-Digit | 39 | 1,832 | 7,605 | 13,516 | 15,242 | 1,405 |
| Total Third Bulk Regular | 42 | 1,845 | 8,898 | 15,254 | 17,175 | 1,526 |
| Bulk - Non Profit Carrier Route | 0 | 0 | 190 | 235 | 212 | 1 |
| Bulk - Non Profit 5-Digit | 5 | 26 | 1,685 | 4,074 | 3,947 | 329 |
| Total Third Bulk Non Profit | 5 | 27 | 1,875 | 4,309 | 4,159 | 329 |
| Total Third Class | 47 | 2,072 | 11,045 | 20,263 | 21,994 | 1,974 |
| Parcels - Zone Rate | 35 | 3 | 774 | 759 | 920 | 236 |
| Bound Printed Matter | 7 | 3 | 262 | 356 | 319 | 230 |
| Special Rate | 65 | ' | 135 | 188 | | ۱ م |
| • | 01 | 0 | 53 | 69 | 225 82 | 34 |
| Library Rate Total Fourth Class | 107 | 5 | 1,225 | i | | 273 |
| Total Fourth Class | 107 | ٦ | 1,225 | 1,371 | 1,547 | 213 |
| USPS | 339 | 6 | 216 | 988 | 832 | 292 |
| Free for Blind/Handicapped | 0 | <u> </u> | 220 | 82 | 99 | 123 |
| International | 324 | 807 | 827 | 3,327 | 2,689 | 65,706 |
| The condition of the co | 52 † | 00. | J2. | 0,021 | 2,005 | 00,100 |
| Registry | 15,586 | _ | 420 | 571 | 416 | 3,453 |
| Certified | 80 | _ | 54 | 79 | 118 | 33 |
| Insurance | _ | _ | 1 | | | - |
| COD | _ | _ | 5 | 2 | 78 | _ |
| Special Delivery | _ | _ | 2 | 2 | 5 | _ |
| Special Handling | _{-1 | - | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Other Special Services | 300 | 2 | 251 | 858 | 753 | 5 |
| openial collinor | 550 | - | -5' | 230 | . 50 | _ |
| Total | 19,423 | 12,245 | 39,210 | 102,737 | 107,864 | 86,675 |

Table 5: FY 1996 Distributed Volume-Variable Cost by Cost Pool and Subclass (NEW methodology)

| Subclass | MODS | MODS | MODS | MODS | MODS | MODS |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| Subclass | LD41 | LD42 | LD43 | LD44 | LD48 Exp | LD48 Oth |
| Letters and Parcels | 8,579 | 893 | 169,193 | 59,109 | 214 | 7.840 |
| Presort Letters and Parcels | 5,665 | 106 | 43,038 | 18,012 | 16 | 2,356 |
| Postal Cards | اه | اه | 79 | 0 | 0 | 2,000 |
| Private Mailing Cards | lo | 15 | 3,856 | 1,064 | 1 | 270 |
| Presort Cards | 91 | 37 | 883 | 67 | o | 45 |
| Total First Class | 14,335 | 1,051 | 217,048 | 78,252 | 231 | 10,513 |
| | | ., | , | , | ~~` | 10,010 |
| Priority | 10 | 21 | 29,352 | 3,526 | 19 | 1,132 |
| Express | ol | 1 | 4,215 | 757 | 1,092 | 257 |
| Mailgrams | - | 0 | - | o | - | 0 |
| Within County | _ | o | 1,006 | 138 | ol | 23 |
| Outside County - Regular | 76 | 59 | 21,985 | 3,189 | 9 | 721 |
| Outside County - Non Profit | | 1 | 3,488 | 415 | ő | 140. |
| Outside County - Classroom | _] | , | 87 | 7.5 | ő | 140 |
| Total Second Class | 76 | 60 | 26,567 | 3,743 | 9 | 886 |
| Total occord olass | | إ | 20,30. | 3,743 | 3 | 300 |
| Third Single Piece Rate | 110 | 77 | 3,263 | 68 | 1 | 124. |
| Bulk - Regular Carrier Route | 237 | 35 | 30,214 | 1,414 | e l | 1,099 |
| Bulk - Regular 5-Digit | 1,592 | 546 | 66,421 | 11,716 | 36 | 2,284 |
| Total Third Bulk Regular | 1,829 | 581 | 96,635 | 13,130 | 45 | 3,383 |
| Bulk - Non Profit Carrier Route | 69 | 27 | 3,470 | 301 | 1 | 177 |
| Bulk - Non Profit 5-Digit | 365 | 63 | 14,469 | 1,816 | 14 | 503 |
| Total Third Bulk Non Profit | 434 | 90 | 17,939 | 2,117 | 15 | 680 |
| Total Third Class | 2,373 | 748 | 117,837 | 15,315 | 61 | 4,187 |
| Parcels - Zone Rate | o | 23 | 10,457 | 169 | 10 | 359 |
| Bound Printed Matter | _[| 0 | 4,721 | 258 | 41 | 116 |
| Special Rate | o | 21 | 4,864 | 379 | 3 | 181 |
| Library Rate | _ | ol | 839 | 2 | 1 | 17. |
| Total Fourth Class | o | 45 | 20,881 | 809 | 17 | 674 |
| USPS | | 21 | 2,633 | 520 | 1 | 147 |
| Free for Blind/Handicapped | 77 | 0 | 723 | 320 | o l | 16 |
| International | 6 | 1 | 2,713 | 369 | 3 | 71 |
| | | | | 25.5 | | |
| Registry | 이 | 0 | 1,308 | 358 | 8 | 305 |
| Certified | - | 0 | 2,006 | 이 | - | 498 |
| Insurance | - | -1 | 116 | - | - | 15 |
| COD | -[| 0 | 317 | -[| -1 | 45 |
| Special Delivery | - | -] | - | -[| - | 10 |
| Special Handling | - | - | | - | - | |
| Other Special Services | - | 0 | 1,973 | 292 | 0 | 757 |
| Total | 16,873 | 1,946 | 427,687 | 103,942 | 1,441 | 19,512 |

Table 5: FY 1996 Distributed Volume-Variable Cost by Cost Pool and Subclass (NEW methodology)

| | MODS | MODS | MODS | BMCs | BMCs | BMCs |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Subclass | LD48 SSv | LD49 | LD79 | NMO | PSM | SPB |
| | | | | | | |
| Letters and Parcels | 4,167 | 81,152 | 7,808 | 1 | 553 | 941 |
| Presort Letters and Parcels | 894 | 61,941 | 18,438 | 2 | - | 605 |
| Postal Cards | 이 | o | 0 | -{ | - | - |
| Private Mailing Cards | 107 | 5,631 | 1,333 | 0 | - | 0 |
| Presort Cards | 0[| 1,963 | 1,130 | -[| -{ | -[|
| Total First Class | 5,168 | 150,687 | 28,709 | 3 | 553 | 1,547 |
| i ' | | | İ | | ĺ | |
| Priority | 588 | 1,709 | 1,606 | 83 | 343 | 79 |
| Express | 1,329 | 12] | 33 | ၀၂ | -) | 0 |
| Mailgrams | - | 이 | 이 | -1 | - | - |
| | _} | | } | - 1 | _ } | |
| Within County | 0 | 648 | 423 | 0 | 0 | 27 |
| Outside County - Regular | 180 | 21,682 | 1,270 | 503 | 118 | 1,522 |
| Outside County - Non Profit | 81 | 5,671 | 787 | 2 | 2 | 571 |
| Outside County - Classroom | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | - | 8 |
| Total Second Class | 261 | 28,001 | 2,480 | 507 | 121 | 2,128 |
| <u></u> | ارما | | | | أبيوه | 4 044 |
| Third Single Piece Rate | 81 | 8,242 | 1,073 | 70 | 2,311 | 1,611 |
| Bulk - Regular Carrier Route | 244 | 2,250 | 6,707 | 415 | 677 | 1,871 |
| Bulk - Regular 5-Digit | 774 | 9,429 | 37,112 | 4,377 | 23,113 | 23,168 |
| Total Third Bulk Regular | i (| 11,679 | 43,819 | 4,792 | 23,790 | 25,039 |
| Bulk - Non Profit Carrier Route | l <u>-1</u>] | 306 | 1,390 | 65 | 75 | 141 |
| Bulk - Non Profit 5-Digit | 31 | 1,531 | 16,587 | 536 | 1,352 | 4,337 |
| Total Third Bulk Non Profit | | 1,837 | 17,977 | 601 | 1,427 | 4,478 |
| Total Third Class | 1,130 | 21,758 | 62,869 | 5,463 | 27,528 | 31,128 |
| Parcels - Zone Rate | 35 | 612 | 461 | 8,250 | 12,329 | 3,752 |
| Bound Printed Matter | 58 | 1,925 | 6 | 1,308 | 10,500 | 1,316 |
| Special Rate | 117 | 283 | 2 | 1,086 | 15,578 | 1,917 |
| Library Rate | l | 77 | 1 | 1,215 | 2,332 | 315 |
| Total Fourth Class | I i | 2,898 | 470 | 11,859 | 40,739 | 7,300 |
| 10.0.1 00.0.0 | 1 | _, | | | , j | · · |
| USPS | 308 | 11,970 | 1,484 | 839 | 377 | 51B |
| Free for Blind/Handicapped | o | 214 | 1 | 1 | 560 | 455 |
| International | 242 | 999 | 680 | 887 | 5,434 | 3,393 |
| | \ | | | - | | |
| Registry | 1,851 | 13 | 62 | - | -[| 36 |
| Certified | 2,016 | D | 0 | - | _ | |
| Insurance | | _ | _ | _ | - | - |
| COD | 63 | - | 0 | -1 | - | |
| Special Delivery | 150 | _ | _ | _ | - | - |
| Special Handling |] | | _ | _ | | - |
| Other Special Services | 2,976 | 11,358 | 37 | _ | 43 | _ |
| 202101 Oposial Sulfison | -,=,=, | 7.1,2.20 | ! | ! | | |
| Total | 16,292 | 229,618 | 98,430 | 19,642 | 75,699 | 46,583 |

Table 5: FY 1996 Distributed Volume-Variable Cost by Cost Pool and Subclass (NEW methodology)

| Subclass | BMCs SSM | BMCs Allied | BMCs Platform | Non-MODS | Total |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 33141 | Alleg | Plation | · | |
| Letters and Parcels | 110 | 1,948 | 497 | 795,228 | 4,655,67 |
| Presort Letters and Parcels | 108 | - | 201 | 214,642 | |
| Postal Cards | _ | | - | 883 | |
| Private Mailing Cards | 0 | 93 | 14 | 23,961 | |
| Presort Cards | _ | - | - | 7 399 | |
| Total First Class | 218 | 2,041 | 712 | 1,042,113 | |
| Priority | 1 | 599 | 330 | 65,924 | 477,89 |
| Express | 0 | -1 | 19 | 20,556 | |
| Mailgrams | - | - | - | ·- | 7 |
| Within County | 12 | 20 | 35 | 5,046 | 15,16 |
| Outside County - Regular | 4,545 | 3,720 | 5,499 | 91,113 | 461,20 |
| Outside County - Non Profit | 727 | 856 | 1,326 | 14,267 | 80,61 |
| Outside County - Classroom | 113 | 414 | 325 | 1,311 | 5,63 |
| Total Second Class | 5,397 | 5,011 | 7,184 | 111,737 | 562,61 |
| Third Single Piece Rate | 383 | 4,208 | 2,309 | 12,928 | 78,18 |
| Bulk - Regular Carrier Route | 2,679 | 5,437 | 5,151 | 80,315 | 265,77 |
| Bulk - Regular 5-Digit | 11,830 | 42,940 | 27,741 | 299,721 | 1,540,10 |
| Total Third Bulk Regular | 14,509 | 48,377 | 32,892 | 380,036 | 1,805,88 |
| Bulk - Non Profit Camer Route | 124 | 658 | 374 | 7,719 | 28,89 |
| Bulk - Non Profit 5-Digit | 1,813 | 7,149 | 3,508 | 60,717 | 366,72 |
| Total Third Bulk Non Profit | 1,937 | 7,806 | 3,882 | 68,436 | 395,62 |
| Total Third Class | 16,829 | 60,391 | 39,083 | 461,400 | 2,279,68 |
| Parcels - Zone Rate | 3,529 | 23,992 | 21,154 | 19,634 | 156,65 |
| Bound Printed Matter | 815 | 9,133 | 8,377 | 12,908 | 73,21 |
| Special Rate | 1,422 | 9,737 | 7,458 | 8,471 | 67,07 |
| Library Rate | 353 | 1,951 | 1,986 | 1,758 | 16,06 |
| Total Fourth Class | 6,119 | 44,813 | 38,975 | 42,771 | 313,00 |
| USPS | 205 | 1,009 | 1,197 | 16,780 | 77,04 |
| Free for Blind/Handicapped | 0 | 595 | 278 | 720 | 10,02 |
| International | 0 1,719. | 10,622 | 5,659. | 6,429 | 206,77 |
| Registry | - | 105 | 25 | 14,973 | 42,21 |
| Certified | - | -[| - | 12,789 | 18,48 |
| insurance | - | 8 | - | 630 | 77 |
| COD | - | - | - | 1,307 | 1,81 |
| Special Delivery | - | - | - | - | 24 |
| Special Handling | - | - | - | 115 | 19 |
| Other Special Services | - | 84 | 6 | 28,806 | 76,03 |
| Total | 30,489 | 125,278 | 93,467 | 1,827,050 | 10,042,52 |

Table 6: FY 1996 Clerks and Mailhandlers – Mail Processing
Estimated Costs and Associated Confidence Limits By Direct Cost Category (NEW methodology)

| Direct Cost Category | Est. Cost | Est. Coefficient | Lower 95% | Upper 95% | |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| | | of Variation | Confidence Limit | Confidence Limit | |
| First Class | _ | ı | | | |
| Letters and Parcels | 2,466,167 | 0.54% | 2,439,926 | 2,492,408 | |
| Private Mailing Cards | 78,315 | 4.10% | 72,026 | 84,604 | |
| Postal Cards | 1,662 | 19.67% | 1,021 | 2,303 | |
| Presort Letters and Parcels | 538,754 | 1.53% | 522,546 | 554,962 | |
| Presort Cards | 23,079 | 11.72% | 17,779 | 28,379 | |
| Priority | 162,067 | 1.85% | 156,189 | 167,944 | |
| Express | 24,858 | 4.76% | 22,539 | 27,178 | |
| Second Class | | | | | |
| Within County | 7,722 | 12.91% | 5,768 | 9,676 | |
| Outside County - Non Profit | 36,478 | 4.30% | 33,405 | 39,551 | |
| Outside County - Classroom | 2,101 | 30.17% | 859 | 3,343 | |
| Outside County - Regular | 202,342 | 1.75% | 195,410 | 209,273 | |
| Third Class | | | | | |
| Third Single Piece Rate | 37,603 | 5.86% | 33,283 | 41,922 | |
| Bulk - Regular Carrier Route | 120,085 | 3.57% | 111,682 | 128,489 | |
| Bulk - Regular 5-Digit | 749,735 | 1.09% | 733,751 | 765,719 | |
| Bulk - Non Profit Carrier Route | 12,172 | 6.87% | 10,534 | 13,810 | |
| Bulk - Non Profit 5-Digit | 181,653 | 2.37% | 173,218 | 190,089 | |
| Fourth Class | | | ľ | | |
| Parcels - Zone Rate | 57,674 | 2.84% | 54,468 | 60,881 | |
| Bound Printed Matter | 31,673 | 4.22% | 29,055 | 34,291 | |
| Special Rate | 31,918 | - 3.79% | 29,550 | 34,286 | |
| Library Rate | 7,084 | 8.80% | 5,862 | 8,306 | |
| Mailgrams | 50 | 95,13% | -43 | 144 | |
| Free for Blind/Handicapped | 4,103 | 11.05% | 3,215 | 4,992 | |
| Intemational | 89,235 | 3.94% | 82,350 | 96,120 | |
| USPS | 39,583 | 7.17% | 34,023 | 45,143 | |
| Registry | 21,256 | 5.14% | 19,115 | 23,397 | |
| Certified | 13,970 | 7.55% | 11,902 | 16,039 | |
| Insurance | 547 | 37.67% | 143 | 952 | |
| COD | 1,566 | 25.46% | 785 | 2,348 | |
| Special Delivery | 146 | 44.27% | 19 | 273 | |
| Other Special Services | 50,940 | 5.90% | 45,047 | 56,833 | |
| Mixed Mail | 2,140,038 | 0.61% | 2,114,585 | 2,165,490 | |
| Other | 2,907,951 | 0.44% | 2,882,965 | 2,932,938 | |
| Total | 10,042,530 | | | | |